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AMENDMENT A TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-43. (Cancelled).

44. (Currently Amended) A method for screening a library of ~~substances~~ compounds to detect a biologically active ~~substance~~ compound by detecting intracellular translocation of a subunit of a component of an intracellular pathway affecting intracellular processes, which subunit exhibits a biological activity of the component, comprising:

(a) culturing one or more cells containing a nucleotide sequence coding for a hybrid polypeptide comprising a luminophore linked to the subunit under conditions permitting expression of the nucleotide sequence,

(b) incubating the one or more cells with at least one ~~substance~~ compound of the library of ~~substances~~ compounds ~~having unknown influences on~~ to determine whether the compound modulates the intracellular translocation of the subunit,

(c) ~~screening the at least one substance~~ each compound of the library of ~~compounds~~ substances for biological function or biological effect on the subunit in the one or more cells, and

(d) measuring the light emitted from the luminophore in the incubated one or more cells and determining the result or variation with respect to the emitted light from said luminophore, such variation being indicative of the translocation of the subunit in said one or more cells and said translocation being indicative that said at least one ~~substance~~ compound of the library of ~~substances~~ compounds to be screened is biologically active.

45. (Currently Amended) A method for screening a library of ~~substances~~ compounds to detect a biologically active ~~substance~~ compound by detecting intracellular translocation of a subunit of a component of an intracellular pathway affecting intracellular processes, which subunit exhibits a biological activity of the component, comprising:

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(a) culturing one or more cells containing a nucleotide sequence coding for a hybrid polypeptide comprising a luminophore linked to the subunit under conditions permitting expression of the nucleotide sequence,

(b) incubating the one or more cells with at least one ~~substance~~ compound of the library of ~~substances~~ compounds to determine whether the compound modulates ~~having unknown influences on the~~ intracellular translocation of the subunit,

(c) screening ~~the at least one substance~~ each compound of the library of ~~compounds~~ substances for biological function or biological effect on the subunit in the one or more cells, and

(d) extracting quantitative information relating to the translocation of said subunit by recording variation in spatially distributed light emitted from said luminophore, such variation being indicative of the translocation of the subunit in said one or more cells and said translocation being indicative that said ~~substance~~ at least one compound of the library of compounds to be screened is biologically active.

46. (Currently Amended): A method for screening a library of ~~substances~~ compounds to detect a biologically active ~~substance~~ compound by detecting intracellular translocation of a subunit of a biologically active polypeptide affecting intracellular processes, which subunit exhibits a biological activity of the polypeptide, comprising:

(a) culturing one or more cells containing a nucleotide sequence coding for a hybrid polypeptide comprising a luminophore linked to the subunit under conditions permitting expression of the nucleotide sequence,

(b) incubating the one or more cells with at least one ~~substance~~ compound of the library of ~~substances~~ compounds to determine whether the compound modulates ~~having unknown influences on the~~ intracellular translocation of the subunit,

(c) screening ~~the at least one substance~~ each compound of the library of ~~compounds~~ substances for biological function or biological effect on the subunit in the one or more cells

(e) (d) measuring the light emitted by the luminophore in the incubated one or more cells and determining the result or variation with respect to the emitted light, such result or variation being indicative of the translocation of the subunit in said one or more cells and said translocation being indicative that said ~~at least one substance~~ at least one compound of the library of compounds ~~substances~~ to be screened is biologically active, and

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(e) measuring the effect of said at least one compound of library of compounds substance on the inhibition/activation of biological activity of said subunit.

47. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 45, wherein the quantitative information relating to the translocation of the subunit is extracted from the recording or recordings according to a predetermined calibration.

48. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 44, 45, or 46, wherein the substance compound to be screened for biological function or biological effect is a synthetic chemical compound.

49. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 44, 45, or 46, wherein the substance compound is a substance compound whose affect on an intracellular pathway is to be determined.

50. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, 45, or 46, wherein the intracellular pathway is an intracellular signaling pathway.

51. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, 45, or 46, wherein the luminophore is a fluorophore.

52. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, 45, or 46, wherein the luminophore is a Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP).

53. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 52, wherein the GFP is selected from the group of GFPs having the F64L mutation.

54. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 52, wherein the GFP is a GFP variant selected from the group of consisting of F64L-GFP, F64L-Y66H-GFP, F64L-S65T-GFP, and EGFP.